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## THE CONDOR

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#### NOTES

We announced in the last issue that THE CONDOR would not come out till after the A. O. U.-Cooper Club Meeting, but have reconsidered that rash decision. It is always dangerous for a periodical to delay its usual date of publication, even under the most praiseworthy pretexts. So we are here a day ahead.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Grinnell the business office has temporarily suspended operations. Correspondents should be patient, however, and thank their lucky stars for health during this remarkably beautiful spring.

More than one of our plans has gone wrong since the last issue and we have been obliged to omit the usual portrait from this number. We hope to resume the series in July.

During the summer months the editor will be in Washington, D. C. Correspondents will confer a favor if they direct all communications as follows: W. K. FISHER, CARE OF U. S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C. Do not send such letters to "THE CONDOR" or to the "Publishers of THE CONDOR." Unless further notice is given *business communications* should be sent as usual to Palo Alto, to Mr. Grinnell.

The A. O. U. Bird Bill of which mention was made in the March issue came to an untimely death in the hands of a Committee. From all that we can learn it was not actually introduced into the legislature, having been crowded out by the rush of "more important" measures.

The Michigan Ornithological Club has recently reorganized, and the first number of the *Bulletin* under the new management arrived on the coast the latter part of April. This issue is No. 1 of Vol. IV. The *Bulletin* is to appear quarterly under the editorship of Alexander W.

Blain, Jr., with J. Clair Wood and Adolphe B. Covert as associates. It is published "in the interests of ornithology in the Great Lake region" and the present number is certainly an attractive one. We wish the enterprise every success. [Bulletin of the Michigan Ornithological Club, A. W. Blain, Jr., Editor, 131 Elmwood Ave., Detroit Mich.; subscription fifty cents a year.]

The *Proceedings of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union at its Third Annual Meeting* is a substantial volume of 108 pages, well printed and illustrated. The leading article is the President's Address—The Progenitors of Birds, by Erwin Hinckley Barbour, profusely illustrated with good zinc cuts. There are numerous other articles of a more local nature, including a valuable Record of Nebraska Ornithology, 1. Bibliography, by Robert H. Wolcott.

The National Committee of Audubon Societies has commenced the publication of a series of Educational Leaflets, each of which will treat of a single species. These will be illustrated by Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes, and will give not only an accurate description of the plumage of the bird, but also its distribution in North America, and the latest information regarding the economic status of the species. We have seen, so far, the Nighthawk and the Mourning Dove. Mr. Dutcher and Prof. Beal are responsible for the text.

Prof. F. E. L. Beal, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is in California studying the relation of birds to orchards.

Rev. S. H. Goodwin of Provo City, Utah, is compiling a list of the birds of Utah. He would appreciate any assistance from local observers.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Geo. H. Ready, at Santa Cruz, California, March 20, 1903.

George H. Ready, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Club was born in Placerville, Placer Co., California, August 5, 1858. While still a boy he went to Santa Cruz, where he has since been a student of birds and their habits. Four years ago, from overwork and exposure, he contracted a cold from which he never recovered. He spent several years in Phoenix, Arizona, hoping the dry air of that region would restore his health. But he afterwards wisely concluded that the comforts of a home in Santa Cruz would be a greater solace and quite as likely a restorer. Although everything possible was done for him he never rallied.

He was an amateur ornithologist, and the birds of the region in and about Santa Cruz and Phoenix were his familiar friends, few knowing their haunts and habits as well as he. A cabinet of eggs which he had collected represents the work of many hours snatched from leisure, and has great intrinsic value.